

Chapter 4 BUILDING MOVERS

4.01.00 License

No person, firm, corporation or partnership shall engage in the business of moving any building into, upon or across any street, alley or other public place in the City of Sandusky without first obtaining a license hereinafter provided.

4.02.00 Application – Investigation

Application for a license to engage in the business of moving any building shall be made to the City Clerk on a form furnished for such purposes. The City Clerk, City Manager, and Chief of Police shall make an investigation of the training, experience, qualifications and character of the applicant to determine his fitness to engage in the operations of the business and shall issue or refuse to issue said license within ten days.

4.03.00 Fee

The fee for license issued under this chapter shall be set annually and all such licenses shall expire on the 31st day of December next following their issuance.

4.04.00 Surety Bond

Before a license shall be issued under this chapter, the applicant shall file with the City Clerk a surety bond in a penal sum of not less than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) waiving and protecting the City harmless from all damages to property both public and private that may arise from the use of any of the streets, alleys or other public places in the moving of said buildings.

4.05.00 Insurance Policy

The applicant shall also file with the City clerk a public liability and property damage insurance policy naming the applicant and the City as the insured and providing for the payment of any liability imposed by law upon the said applicant or the City to the extent of not less than three million dollars for injury to or death per person.

4.06.00 Permit – Size of Building

No person shall move or cause to be moved any buildings of any larger size than thirty-three (33) feet by thirty-three (33) feet and twenty (20) feet in height into, upon and across any street, alley or other public place in the City without first having secured a permit in the manner prescribed in this chapter.

4.07.00 Application for Permits

Applications for permit to move any building shall be made by a licensed mover to the City Clerk approved as complying with all the provisions of this chapter or any other City ordinance applicable thereto and if the City Clerk finds that under the facts the applicant has sufficient knowledge, experience, equipment and facilities to properly conduct such moving, said permit shall be issue forthwith upon payment of the prescribed permit fee.

4.08.00 Notification to and Release from Utilities

Before a permit for the moving of any building shall be issued, the applicant shall notify all utilities having service connections within the building such as water, electric, gas, sewer, and other connections. The applicant shall not be entitled to a permit unless a release is obtained from the utilities stating that their respective service connections and appurtenant equipment such as meters have been removed or sealed and plugged in a safe manner; nor shall a permit be issued until the City Clerk shall be satisfied after receiving a written agreement form the public utility companies concerned and signed by the applicant that said moving may be accomplished in such a manner as not to create a hazardous condition as a result of the proximity of such public utility installations at the site from which the building is to be moved, the site where it is to be moved or the route to be followed in making the movement including an agreement for necessary moving or raising of overhead wires which might impede the progress of the movement of said building.

4.09.00 Route to Move

The City Engineer shall supply the route over which a structure is to be moved and the time allowed for such moving. All reasonable effort must be made in the moving so as to least obstruct any street, alley or other public place and if it becomes necessary to leave the structure thereon after sundown there shall be erected around the structure a suitable warning barrier and properly illuminated to prevent injuries or damages.

4.10.00 Fill in Excavations

No person shall move or cause to be moved any building from property situated in the said City without filling any excavation or excavations left by the removal of said buildings.

4.11.00 Violations

Any one found violating the provisions of this chapter shall, upon conviction be subject to penalties for a Grade D civil infraction.